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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA

MCH LOOKS AHEAD WITH AUSTIN KIPLINGER

Austin H. Kiplinger, editor of The Kiplinger Washington Letter, was the guest lecturer and seminar leader at a benefit for the Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH) in July at the Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork. He also generously donated his time and expertise to the MCH as guest speaker at the Billings Rotary Club luncheon on July 19. Proceeds from the two presentations went toward MCH program development in rural communities.

Mr. Kiplinger's career as a reporter, broadcast commentator, and editor specializing in business and political affairs spans five decades. His full-time reporting career began in 1940 with the San Francisco Chronicle. During the 1950s he was a Chicago newscaster for ABC and NBC television networks. He was part of the ABC team whose coverage of the 1952 political conventions in Chicago won the Peabody Award for distinguished television journalism.

Mr. Kiplinger is co-author of America in the Global '90s (1989), The Exciting '80s (1979), Washington Now (1975), and Boom and Inflation Ahead (1958). Following his presentation, Mr. Kiplinger answered audience questions and autographed copies of his new book, Looking Ahead.

Austin Kiplinger

TRIBAL VOICES MCH REQUESTS PROPOSALS

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, is pleased to announce a new program category focusing on Native American languages, histories, and cultures. The *TRIBAL VOICES* program category will identify linguistic, historical, and cultural traditions of Montana's Indian tribes in an effort to foster an appreciation of those traditions among all Montanans.

MCH invites grant applications for projects which seek to promote the culture and history of Montana tribes through the medium of their native languages.

Deadline for proposals is November 1, 1994. Please call MCH for complete application forms and instructions (406-243-6022).

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MCH SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Nominations Due November 10

We need your help

The Montana Committee for the Humanities, which provides grants and services for public programs in the humanities, is seeking vigorous individuals to advance our work by serving on our board. Four new committee members will be chosen at our next meeting. We welcome your application for Committee membership.

The Committee

The Committee consists of 19 members; half are scholars in the humanities disciplines and half are representatives of the general public. Four members are appointed by the governor. We seek balanced geographic, gender, ethnic, and academic representation on the Committee. Members serve four years.

What's involved

The Committee is a volunteer board serving without pay but with expenses paid. Membership is an honor, but more than that, it's an opportunity to improve our communities by applying humanities wisdom to public life. The Committee meets four times a year, for 2-3 days per meeting. Members represent the Committee; review project proposals; evaluate funded proposals; set policy; assist with fund raising and development; employ the director; and promote awareness of the Committee's program to the general public, state leaders, and the Montana congressional delegation. When the occasion arises, members discuss among themselves the great questions facing Montana. Before each meeting, members typically spend 10-12 hours reading and reviewing project proposals. Between meetings, duties include application review, occasional project evaluation, letter-writing, and committee assignments. Service on the Committee is a challenging, and, by all accounts, rewarding experience.

How to apply for Committee membership

In order to be considered as a candidate the Committee needs to receive:

1. two letters of recommendation,
2. a résumé
3. a letter describing your willingness to serve and the expertise you would bring to the work.

Please send these to:

MCH, P. O. Box 8036
Missoula, MT 59807

The postmark deadline for these materials is **November 10, 1994**. If you have further questions, please call our office at (406) 243-6022.

MARGARET KINGSLAND RETURNS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSTION

MCH Executive Director Margaret Kingsland returned to her post on June 1 after a year's sabbatical leave.

During her absence, Gerald Fetz, a former MCH chair and currently chair of the German section at the University of Montana's Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, served as Acting Executive Director. Thank you Jerry!

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

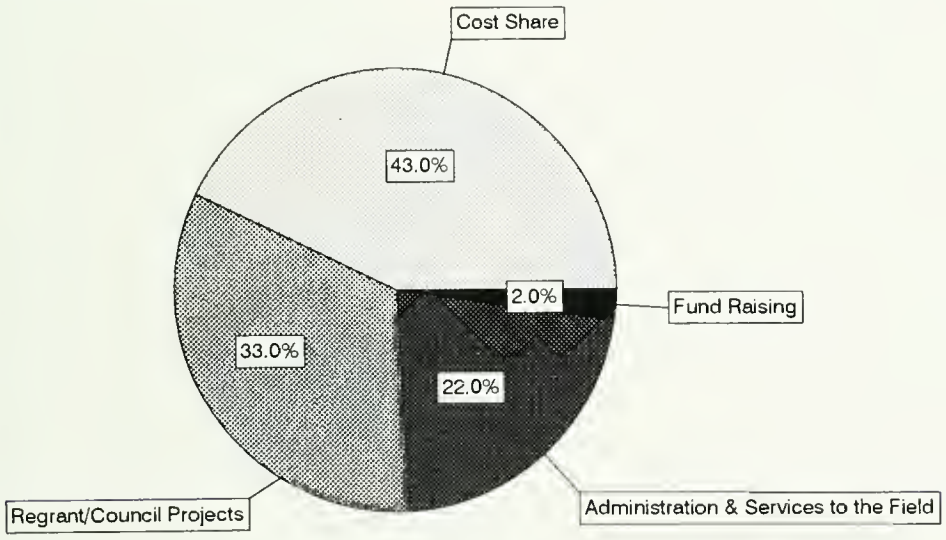
Type of Grant Application	Amount Requested	Application Deadline	Projects Beginning
Immediate Action	$500 or less	2 weeks prior to event	2 weeks after application
General, Short Form, Planning, & Oral History	$3,000 or less	20th of each month and at least 10 weeks prior to event	10 weeks after application deadline
General, Short Form, Planning, & Oral History	Over $3,000	October 20, 1994	December 29, 1994
		December 20, 1994	February 28, 1995
		March 20, 1995	May 29, 1995
Media Letter of Intent (contact staff first)	$8,000 or less	March 20, 1995	December 1995
Tribal Voices	$12,000 or less	November 1, 1994	December 10, 1994

FINANCIAL REPORT

SUPPORT	
Fund balance 10/31/92	$41,000
NEH Appropriations	$414,047
MT Cultural Trust	$15,845
Gifts Regrant	$46,700
Gifts Other	$14,751
Other Income	$2,773
TOTAL	$569,152

EXPENSES	
Regrant/Council Proj.	$282,208
Administration and Services to the Field	$190,805
Fund Raising	$17,125
Fund Balance 10/31/93	$79,041
TOTAL	$569,152

The statement of cash revenue and expenses tells only part of the story. As the pie chart shows, 43% of the cost of MCH programs and grants are borne by in-kind and cash contributions not reflected in MCH's operating budget. (Percentages are based on the most recent audited grant period.)



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GRANTS AWARDED

March 1994-September 1994

• **Cheyenne Outbreak: A Nation Returns**, Dull Knife Memorial College, Lame Deer, $700.
• **Writers as Cultural Resource: Reading, Teaching, Sharing**, Writer's Voice of Billings YMCA, Billings, $1,942.
• **Lewis and Clark: Paths of Discovery**, Lewis and Clark Multimedia Project, Lolo, $3,000.
• **Families: Resources and Responsibilities in a Changing World--Beyond the Traditional Family**, Montana Home Economics Association, Glendive, $2,849.
• **Bozeman Women's Heritage Trail**, Gallatin County Historical Society, Bozeman, $2,880.
• **Arrow Creek Arts and Literary Festival**, Plenty Coups High School, Pryor, $1,050.
• **Middle Eastern and North African Cultural Festival**, The Center for the Study of Islamic Societies, The University of Montana, Missoula, $2,430.
• **Emerging Issues: Critical Issues for Tribal Governments**, The University of Montana Native American Studies Dept., Indian Law Clinic, and Environmental Studies Program, Missoula, $3,000.
• **Women's History Month: Readings from Local History**, AAUW Glendive Branch, Glendive, $110.
• **Living Right in the Rockies: The Impact of Wallace Stegner's Thought on Western Architecture**, Dept. of History and Philosophy, Montana State University, Bozeman, $500.
• **What is a Human Being: A Public Lecture/Discussion**, Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, $500.
• **Museums and the Public Good: A Question of Ethics**, Montana Association of Museums, Missoula, $500.
• **Dealing with County Archives: a Workshop**, Meagher County Historical Association, White Sulphur Springs, $500.
• **K. Ross Toole's Montana/ Audio Version**, Montanans for Quality Television, Missoula, $2,808.
• **Women's Writings From Prison, Part II**, Ad Hoc Committee for Humanities Programming at WCC, Missoula, $2,996.
• **Little Bighorn Legacy Symposium**, Little Bighorn Legacy Steering Committee, Crow Agency, $2,500.
• **Interview Resource Program, Métis Oral History Project**, Métis Cultural Recovery, Inc., Choteau, $7,195.
• **Moss Mansion Oral History Project**, Billings Preservation Society, Billings, $3,000.
• **Heroics on the Home Frontier: Women in Waiting in the Westward Movement**, Lewis and Clark County Historical Society, Helena, $4,614.
• **An Embarrassment of Riches: Essays on Montana Literature**, Montana Center for the Book, Helena, $6,055.
• **Montana Writers Festival Tour 1994**, Hellgate Writers, Inc., Missoula, $3,802.
• **Montana Women in Literature**, Kohrs Memorial Library, Deer Lodge, $125.
• **Terry Tempest Williams at the Teller Wildlife Refuge**, Teller Wildlife Refuge, Corvallis, $500.
• **At Home in the Tipi: Life on the Plains**, C.M. Russell Museum, Great Falls, $2,975.
• **Sixth Annual Lewis and Clark Festival**, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association, Great Falls, $1,200.
• **I'll Ride That Horse! Montana Women Bronc Riders**, Dept. of Media and Theatre Arts, Montana State University, Bozeman, $3,000.
• **Hand Game**, Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center, Portland, Oregon, $1,000.
• **The Storytelling Project: Finding Our Place**, Missoula Institute for the Study of Culture and Imagination (MISCI), Missoula, $1,000.
• **Sacred Writings: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism**, Montana Association of Churches, Billings, $710.
• **Writing Workshop for Native Americans**, The People's Center, Pablo, $600.

1996-1998

You can help!

The Montana Committee for the Humanities is beginning its program planning for 1996-1998.
Please help us in this planning process. Drop us a note about your suggestions for MCH's future plans or you can call us at 1-800-624-6001.

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